

<i>Name of Circle</i>	<i>No. of MO/TMO COMPLAINTS received</i>	<i>Delay in payment</i>	<i>Loss</i>
Maharashtra	7577	622	205
M.P.	2839	271	5
N.E.	1692	97	104
Orissa	833	243	3
Punjab	2925	1449	432
Rajasthan	1313	355	68
Tamil Nadu	3191	420	47
U.P.	8099	5194	73
W.B.	5879	3418	29

**Theft of Telephone Cables in Country**

(d) the steps taken by the Government are as under :

3997. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of theft of telephone cables have come to notice in the country during this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the total loss suffered as a result thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the government to check recurrence of such incidents?

(i) Regular lodging of FIR with the police and keeping close co-ordination.

(ii) Patrolling of cable routes

(iii) Locking of cabinets/pillars.

(iv) Welding/locking of man-hole covers.

**Irregularities in Functioning of  
A.I.R., Ratnagiri**

3998. SHRI GOVIDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(a) whether complaints have been received by the Government about irregularities in the functioning of All India Radio, Ratnagiri;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the government thereon?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS):**

(a) to (c). Some complaints were received against the style of functioning of Station Director, All India Radio, Ratnagiri and the same have since been enquired into. On the basis of the enquiry report, the Station Director, All India Radio, Ratnagiri has been transferred,

[English]\*

#### **Reservation of Jobs for Disabled**

**4000. SHRI GEORGE FERNADES:** Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to curtail reservation in jobs for disabled persons from 3 per cent to 2 per cent in the C & D Categories of posts; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Festival of India in Germany**

**4001. SHRI GEORGE FERNADES.** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether some lapses have been noticed in the film sections of the festival of India in Germany; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING. (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS):**

(a) and (b). The Government saw a news item in some newspapers regarding film segment of Festival of India in Germany. The news item perceives some shortcomings in the arrangement for the film festival which opened in Berlin in 16th Sept. 91. The news report mentions that 10 film prints to be subtitled in German did not reach before the inaugural function and thereby causing disappointment among the viewers. The news item also indicates that the Germans were interested in seeing MAHAPRITHIVI as the inaugural film in place of AGANTUK which was shown as inaugural film. The report further mentions that there were more bureaucrats than the film personalities attending the festival at Berlin.

Also the quality of film prints has been questioned in the news item.

2. The contents of the news item do not represent a true picture. Will it cannot be denied that the inaugural function did not attain the desired levels of glamour as only two film personalities could participate in the festival, it picked up momentum as it progressed.

3. Also there can be question of disappointment among the viewers due to arrival of some prints after the inaugural function, since the festival is of substantial duration spreading over nearly 6 months and traveling to different cities in Germany, which would provided ample opportunity to the audiences in different parts of Germany to view each and every film of the package. In fact, 10 film prints which did not reach before the inaugural function were those to be gifted to the German Archives after their wide exhibition in the festival and would be permanently with the Germans and could be exhibited to the audiences even after the festival.